

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

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~~RELATED APPLICATION~~ RELATED APPLICATION

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~~BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION~~ BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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~~FIELD OF THE INVENTION~~ FIELD OF THE INVENTION

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~~BACKGROUND ART~~ BACKGROUND ART

On page 3, line 6, please remove the underline from the section heading by replacing the section heading as follows:

~~Internet~~ Internet

On page 4, line 8, please remove the underline from the section heading by replacing the section heading as follows:

~~XML DOM~~ XML DOM

On page 5, line 11, please remove the underline from the section heading by replacing the section heading as follows:

~~Preferences~~ Preferences

One page 6, line 15, please remove the underline from the section heading by replacing the section heading as follows:

~~Problems Associated with Merging DOM Trees On The Fly~~ Problems Associated with Merging DOM Trees on the Fly

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~~SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION~~ SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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~~BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS~~ BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

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~~DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION~~ DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

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~~Runtime Merge System~~ Runtime Merge System

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~~Reference Node Implementation~~ Reference Node Implementation

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~~Embodiment of an XML Merging System~~ Embodiment of an XML Merging System

On page 14, line 14, please remove the underline from the section heading by replacing the section heading as follows:

~~Clone~~ Clone

On page 15, line 5, please remove the underline from the section heading by replacing the section heading as follows:

~~Case Study~~ Case Study

On page 16, line 20, please remove the underline from the section heading by replacing the section heading as follows:

~~Steps In Executing the Runtime Merge System~~ Steps in Executing the Runtime Merge System

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~~Embodiment of Computer Execution Environment (Hardware)~~ Embodiment of Computer Execution Environment (Hardware)

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~~CLAIMS~~ CLAIMS

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~~ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE~~ ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE